Advocate 'dismayed' by report

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Province found lacking on gender wage gap, poverty

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Ontario needs to do better on poverty and its gender wage gap, according to a new report from the Conference Board of Canada.

The report card grades Ontario in relation to Canada, other provinces, and even a few other countries on measures of social performance.

While Ontario received a "B" grade overall, it only earned a "C" on the gender wage gap and poverty from the non-profit think-tank.

Craig Alexander, chief economist for the Conference Board of Canada, said while the province is "middle of the pack" compared to other large economies, it's falling behind on rising income inequality.

"Poverty in Ontario has been edging higher over time," he said.

"We need to change that tide."

The U.S. sits at the back of the class with an overall "D" grade in large part due to unchecked income inequality.

While Ontario is doing "OK" economically, the province needs to do a better job making sure the standard of living rises for everyone, he said.

In addition to the gender gap, there's also a wage gap for people with disabilities, immigrants and racialized groups, Alexander added.

Tanya van Biesan, executive director, Canada for Catalyst Inc., which works to expand opportunities for women in the workplace, said she was "surprised and dismayed" to see how poorly Ontario fared when it came to the gender wage gap.

But she offered several possible solutions to help close it.

Organizations should start with a "pay equity audit" to see how much women are making in relation to men before "digging down" into internal processes to see where roadblocks are happening.

Some organizations, she said, have even started a "no negotiations" policy in an effort to close the gap.

As men frequently make more money, negotiating salary based on what a person made in their last position often just ends up perpetuating the gap, she said.

OTHER GRADES

- Norway, Sweden and Denmark all got "As" on social performance while Japan and the U.S. got "Ds."
- Canada got a "B" overall, along with Manitoba, Ontario, B.C., Quebec, and New Brunswick.

POVERTY COMPASSION AND JUSTICE Leaders Ontario's faith-based communities prayed for divine intervention in a Noon vigil Wednesday at Queen's Park as they called on the government to pay attention to poverty needs. Grouped in what's known as the Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition, the leaders named each and every MPP and prayed for them to be guided by "a spirit of compassion and justice" in their budget debates. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

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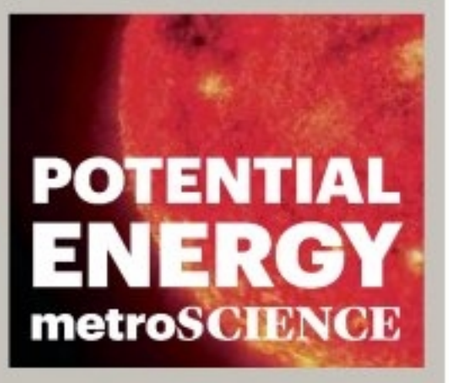

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Magic of the silent screen

Shirley Hughes, one of the organizers of the Toronto Silent Film Festival, at the Revue Cinema in Toronto on Wednesday. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

CINEMA

Silent Film Festival to show 'holy grails of lost films'

David Hains
Metro | Toronto

A number of films will get their first Canadian screening in 90 years or more at this weekend's Silent Film Festival.

Every year since 2010, festival director Shirley Hughes has programmed a selection of films appearing at Toronto repertory cinemas alongside live musical accompaniment.

"Silent film is an art form in itself," said Hughes. "With the factor of live music, every screening is unique."

The musical accompaniment isn't read from sheet music. The musicians might have an idea in mind, but the performance is improvised, said Hughes.

It's a "total visual experience," explained Hughes, who said part of the appeal is that the film becomes more immersive.

The festival also offers the opportunity to see films that were long thought to be lost.

The 1916 film Sherlock Holmes, in which the Baker Street detective meets Professor Moriarty at Reichenbach Falls, screened Thursday night. But the film went missing for almost 100 years, only to make a Holmes-like reappearance (spoiler!) in 2014. The picture received its Canadian restoration premiere Thursday, with accompaniment by Toronto's Bill O'Meara.

The festival will also screen the Laurel and Hardy comedy Battle of the Century, which hasn't been screened in Canada since 1928. She calls it "one of those holy grails of lost films." The festival schedule tells viewers to "prepare for the thousands of pies in the greatest battle ever recorded on film."

Coming soon

1 When Knighthood Was in Flower (1922) — The film that made Marion Davies a star is an elaborate production set during the time of King Henry VIII's reign. New York's Ben Model provides live improvised music. Friday April 7, Revue Cinema, 400 Roncesvalles, $15.

2 The Blacksmith (1922) — This is the French version of the Buster Keaton silent film (the silent film era produced different versions for different regions). Saturday April 8, Revue Cinema. 400 Roncesvalles, $20.

3 Chicago (1927) — Roxie Hart charms 1920s audiences in this film released a year after the Broadway play first appeared. Jordan Klapman provides accompaniment. Sunday, April 9, Fox Theatre. 2236 Queen Street East, $15.

Spur Festival to take on risk as this year's theme of discussion

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

The city's brightest minds are coming together this weekend to exchange great ideas.

As Canada celebrates 150 years, organizers of the Spur Festival want to address the topic of nation-building and how to make a just society. Under the theme of risk – real or perceived — various panelists will engage the public on the environment, politics, health and other issues.

It's all about involving Canadians in meaningful discussions and giving them an opportunity to shape their own communities, said festival founder and director Helen Walsh.

"We want to examine ourselves as a society, what are we willing to risk to move to a more equitable society," she said.

The festival is a project of the Literary Review of Canada, and includes many book launches and essay reviews.

Since 2013, the festival chooses one theme every year and travels to different communities across the country for interactive dialogues.

The impact of Spur panels can vary, and sometimes the effect takes a while to materialize. An event on guaranteed annual income two years ago sparked a political effort that's currently under consideration at Ontario Legislature.

Another discussion centred on re-zoning alleyways in Toronto for low-cost housing, and has led to the current laneway housing project.

"We may not be front and centre of things, but we see or role as conveners," said Walsh.

EVENTS

- A dozen events are scheduled for this weekend festival, all taking place in the Bloor-Yorkville corridor.

  For tickets and more information, visit spurfestival.ca

- Metro columnist Vicky Mochama is one of the panellists who will discuss journalism in the era of fake news and alternative facts. The event takes place on Sunday starting at 10:30 a.m. at OISE Auditorium.

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Public's faith lost: Judge

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

Unit urged to throw open the floodgates of information

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

Police oversight in Ontario should be more open to the public, according to the judge tasked by the government to look at the system.

In releasing his report, which includes 129 recommendations, Justice Michael Tulloch said the public does not trust the system in large part because the system isn't accountable.

"Much of the public's faith in the oversight system has been lost," he said during a news conference.

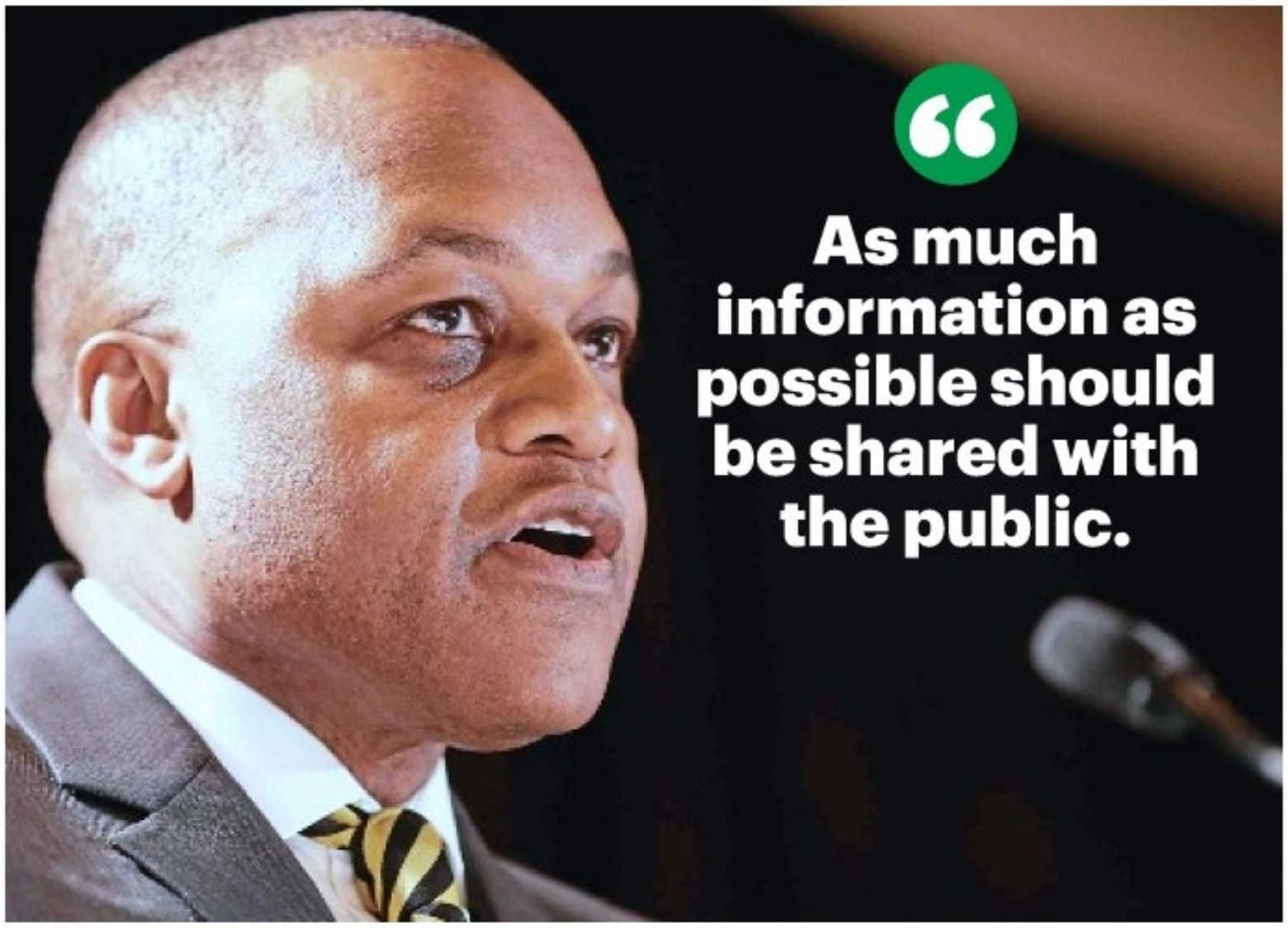
Tulloch is calling for better training for members of the Special Investigations Unit, which conducts investigations when a police officer is involved in a death or serious injury or is alleged to have committed sexual assault.

He said the unit should be more open about their work, should release all of their investigative reports — even in cases where no one is charged — and should release all past reports as well.

"As much information as possible should be shared with the public about all aspects of the operations of the oversight bodies," he said.

In case where charges aren't laid, he is recommending that officers' names remain private.

He's also recommending that officers be compelled to co-operate with investigations and that former police officers should account for no more than half of SIU teams.



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Tulloch spent much of the past year looking at the three civilian agencies charged with overseeing police in Ontario — the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD) and the Ontario Civilian Police Commission — with a view to enhancing their efficiency and credibility. The best known of the frequently maligned agencies is the SIU, which investigates when police kill someone, cause serious injury, or are accused of sexual assault. Tulloch recommends legislating when police must call in the SIU as well as officers' obligations to co-operate with the agency. The SIU should be notified after an officer fires at a person — regardless of the outcome — and the agency should have broader power to lay charges on its own, he says. To encourage officers to raise concerns about the conduct of colleagues, the review calls on the government to implement effective whistleblower protections. The SIU has faced fierce criticism over its use of ex-police officers as investigators, but Tulloch says he is not prepared to suggest a ban on former officers working for the agency or for the OIPRD. It's important, he says, to look at individuals and their skills rather than their former jobs, given that non-officers could be biased as well. ``That said, I recommend that the oversight bodies should do more to increase their complement of high quality investigators who do not have a background in policing,'' Tulloch states. The review says the SIU should wrap up investigations within 120 days, and only release the names of subject officers if charges are laid, as generally happens with civilians under investigation. However, mandatory inquests would inevitably ensure the names of officers involved in a death become public.

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120 days

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Pamir Hakimzadah.
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'Shocked' by terror charge

A Toronto man accused of travelling to Turkey to join Daesh made a brief appearance in a downtown court Thursday morning.

Dressed in a light grey sweater and faded blue jeans, Pamir Hakimzadah, 27, said his name and little else during a bail court hearing at Old City Hall, holding his hands together in front of himself and staring at either the floor or wall of the glass-panelled prisoner's box.

Hakimzadah is charged with leaving Canada to participate in the activity of a terrorist group in relation to a 2014 trip he allegedly took to Turkey to join Daesh, also known ISIS or ISIL.

He was charged by the RCMP on Wednesday after a year-long investigation dubbed Project Sachet.

Defence lawyer Rishma Gupta, who is also representing Hakimzadah on the assault charges, said her client is "shocked and upset" by the new terrorism allegation.

"We're in a culture where anybody can be charged with terrorism," Gupta told reporters outside the courtroom, adding that she found it "suspect" that the RCMP have been investigating since January 2016 but only laid charges Wednesday.

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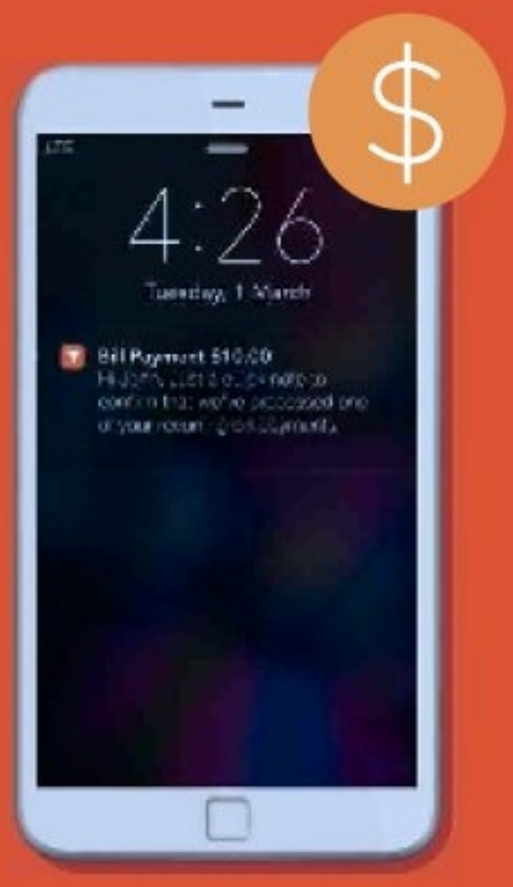

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Top left: Bearing (Michael Greyeyes and Yvette Nolan's world premiere) **Top right:** Life Reflected by the National Arts Centre Orchestra **Bottom left:** Until the Lions (Akram Khan). **Bottom right:** The Famous Spiegeltent. CONTRIBUTED

Return of Luminato

CULTURE

Respected art festival back at its home, David Pecaut Square

Luminato, 2016 edition, installed itself in the derelict Hearn Generating Station, a hulking industrial husk left for dead decades before.

Reanimated for the festival's 10 days, it presented a tantalizing challenge to the city and Luminato both: What are the blue-sky limits of urban revitalization and what would the festival do for an encore?

Luminato revealed its answer Thursday, as it released the top line of its programming for its 2017 edition, which opens June 14. The Hearn is out and the festival returns to David Pecaut Square, named for its late co-founder, who died in 2009.

Anthony Sargent, the festival's CEO, sees it less as retrenchment than a homecoming and a pivot point. If the Hearn offered a spectacle befitting the festival's 10th anniversary — the apex, perhaps, of former artistic director Jorn Weisbrodt's lofty ambitions — the return downtown is a symbolic gesture of what's to come.

"This is a for-instance, rather than a finished thing," Sargent said this week. "I'm very proud of what we're doing this year; I think the audiences will love it and the artists will find it very rewarding. But I'm also terribly conscious that it's a journey."

Sargent, a seasoned arts executive recruited from the U.K. to replace longtime CEO Janice Price in 2015, was met shortly after his arrival with the resignation of Weisbrodt, the festival's emblematic artistic director. After stewarding the festival to the Hearn, Weisbrodt left, handing the task of what the next 10 years of the festival might look like to Sargent.

His first order of business was to bring in Josephine Ridge as artistic director, who was then tasked with assembling this year's edition in a little more than a year.

"Josephine always talks about how this should be a festival of Toronto, not a festival in Toronto, and I think that's what we're trying to do," Sargent says. "That's one of the things I'm most proud of: finding ways to do things in collaboration with other people involved in the arts in Canada."

To that point, this year's festival focuses on collaborations, with the Theatre Centre and Directors Lab North, to name a couple, and a deeper commitment to the city, and the country, itself. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Some highlights for the 2017 edition ...

Opening Night:
It will feature Tributaries, a loose, expansive performance of contemporary indigenous music and dance in David Pecaut Square. Produced by Denise Bolduc and Erika Iserhoff of Native Women in the Arts, the event pays tribute to the land's original residents.

The Famous Spiegeltent: A return, or at least a reprise, of the festival's inaugural year, the Spiegeltent, pitched at Harbourfront in 2007, moves to David Pecaut Square with a nightly program of performances to include music, theatre, cabaret and spoken word.

King Arthur's Night:
A festival commission, this musical theatre piece makes its world premiere here, featuring a cast "living with and without" Down's syndrome. Its score was composed by Canadian Veda Hille. (June 15 to 18)

Bearing:
A world premiere dance opera, by Plains Cree choreographer Michael Greyeyes and Algonquin playwright Yvette Nolan, Bearing takes on the catastrophic history of the abusive Canadian residential school system, when indigenous children were taken from their families to be stripped of their language and culture at faraway schools. (June 22 to 24)

Vertical Influences:
Stretching the boundaries of bona fide culture, Vertical Influences, the product of Montreal collective Le Patin Libre (The Free Skate) puts audience members in the middle of a sheet of ice as the group's hybrid speed-skaters/break-dancers wing by at breakneck speed. Helmet recommended? (June 22 to 23 at Ryerson's Mattamy Athletic Centre and June 24 to 25 in Scarborough).
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The inaugural Indigenous Women in Leadership award was given to **Jody Wilson-Raybould**, the federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Indigenous inspiration

FIRST NATIONS

Program aims to show next generation they can achieve all

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A new initiative is highlighting the success of Indigenous women to inspire younger generations.

The Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business has launched the Indigenous Women in Leadership program, through which they'll recognize and honour accomplished and committed women from Indigenous communities.

In a ceremony that took place in Toronto this Thursday, the inaugural award was presented to Jody Wilson-Raybould, the federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada.

"We are very much a matriarchal society where women have always been the fire keepers and really important in our communities," said council president and CEO Jean Paul Gladu. But the introduction of colonial systems and the Indian Act brought a male-driven approach that has left many women "disempowered up to today," he said.

"The same can be said about corporate Canada, where most of the executives are white men. We need to break outside of that."

The Toronto-based council promotes business initiatives among Indigenous communities across the country, and strives to increase women representation. About 50 per cent of its staff are women, and representation on the board of directors is 40 per cent.

The previous CEO was a woman, and the council recently inducted into its Hall of Fame a young Albertan woman who works in tech industry.

> **We need to see the value of women in the success of our country.**
> Jean Paul Gladu

Showcasing the success of women will help create a future that gives them a rightful place in the country's academia, politics, entertainment and economy, said Gladu.

"We need to see the value of women in the success of our country, especially in the process of reconciliation," he said. "Every young girl in Aboriginal communities will look at Wilson-Raybould and say, 'she did it, I can do it too. Maybe I can be the next Prime Minister.'"

Toronto DIGEST

Fake bomb found in man's suitcase at Pearson
An man from the U.S. is in custody after customs officials found a fake bomb in a suitcase at Pearson International Airport on Thursday, holding up a planeload of Chicago-bound passengers for hours.

The fake improvised explosive device was discovered during a pre-clearance inspection of a traveller's suitcase, officials said Thursday. TORSTAR

Sex-assault support centre 'desperate' for funds
Sexual assault survivors in Peel Region face a wait of up to nine months to get counselling at the local sexual assault centre, and it's about to get longer. The centre in Brampton has cut hours and will start closing on Fridays. The problem is continued underfunding, says executive director of Hope 24/7, Laura Zilney.

"We are desperate now," she said. TORSTAR

Deadly drug found in York Region for the first time
Police are warning the public that carfentanil, an opioid suspected to be 100 times more powerful than fentanyl, has surfaced in the York Region for the first time.

Officers found trace amounts of carfentanil in Richmond Hill in January, but testing by Health Canada only recently revealed what the powder was made of. TORSTAR

Man pleads guilty to fraud in witchcraft case
An Indian man visiting Toronto who was charged with practising witchcraft pleaded guilty to one count of fraud on Tuesday.

The witchcraft charge was dropped, and Murali Muthyalu, who also goes by the name Master Raghav, was ordered to pay restitution of $67,100, and cannot come back to Canada for at least three years. TORSTAR

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David Miller has made his own lifestyle changes to become more environmentally friendly. PHOTOS: EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

'People want hope'

David Miller talks to Metro about how people in cities can save the environment

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

It's easy to feel hopeless and overwhelmed by the environmental challenges our planet is facing.

From stopping climate change to protecting endangered species, the tasks are daunting.

But that doesn't mean it's time to give up.

Everyone has the power to make a difference — in many cases right in their own backyards.

It's one of the key messages David Miller, president and CEO of World Wildlife Fund Canada, spreads every chance he gets.

Because, as he puts it, "people want hope."

"They really want to be part of something and know what they can do to make a change," he said.

"There's an incredible thirst for this."

Miller dropped by Metro's offices to talk about the environmental threats we're facing and what can be done.

TREES

The urban canopy matters for biodiversity, animals, birds and people.

It's "extremely important" to provide shade and cool the "urban heat island" that is the concrete jungle.

"There is a beauty and a majesty in trees that speaks to your soul in an urban environment," Miller said.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

People need to be inspired "to do their part," said Miller, and protecting and restoring the urban canopy needs to become a priority in cities across the country.

Think before you cut down a tree in your backyard and plant native trees on your own property where possible.

"When someone wants to cut down a tree in a neighbourhood and people come out en masse, that feeling needs to happen collectively," he said.

WILDLIFE

Miller warned of a "looming crisis in wildlife" that we're not paying attention to.

While we've been focused on climate change, two thirds of the world's population of wildlife could be gone by 2020 due to factors like deforestation.

"This is a really serious situation and it hasn't gotten nearly the attention it deserves," he said.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Luckily, "nature has the capacity to rebuild if we let it," said Miller.

Globally, this might mean supporting conservation efforts for animals like the Siberian Tiger or the Snow Leopard.

But you can also make a difference in your own backyard or on your condo balcony.

Planting native species is one way to preserve biodiversity in an urban landscape.

WWF-Canada has programs such as In the Zone Gardens, to help with this.

"If you plant something that helps a relatively small species thrive in an urban area, you're made a real difference," Miller said.

"Not everything is a panda but they all matter."

POWER OF CITIES

Canadian cities have been leaders on climate change, Miller said, and "we shouldn't lose sight" of all the successes. While provinces and the feds often talk to each other on climate change and other issues, "cities aren't seen as partners," Miller said.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Talk to your neighbours and take a community approach when it comes to gardening and planting native species — "act collectively," said Miller.

Volunteer with one of the many small NGOs that work to protect urban ecosystems.

> If you plant something that helps a relatively small species thrive in an urban area, you've made a real difference. David Miller

WALKING THE WALK
How Miller stays green

- He doesn't drink bottled water and plants native species in his garden.
- He uses Bullfrog Power electricity and gas at home, which uses methane gas from landfills.
- He and his wife have sold their car and walk or take transit instead.
- Miller tries to take the train when he can and avoids flying out of Billy Bishop Airport, which he called "a park masquerading as an airport."

THIS WEEKEND CLIMB THE STAIRS

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Who's really driving the sharing economy

RESEARCH

First study of new economy describes its tendencies

In the sound and fury of debates over the rise of businesses like Uber, one question is often drowned out: who, exactly, is behind the wheel — and why?

Now, the first comprehensive Canadian study on the topic provides some answers: the people powering Toronto's so-called "gig economy" are young, educated, and reliant on "on-demand" jobs because they feel there is no other way to earn a living.

A new study by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives finds the vast majority of those providing services in the GTA through online platforms felt broadly positive about their work. But 55 per cent said they participate in the sector because there are no other options, and almost the same proportion called the jobs "something to do until they can find something better."

"Clearly this is an important part of these young workers' incomes and really pointed out to us the kind of precarious and difficult labour market that young educated workers are experiencing in Toronto," said economist Sheila Block, who helped compile the study.

The rise of the gig economy, also known as the sharing economy, has polarized public conversation. There are those who see it as an innovative pipeline of convenient jobs for entrepreneurial workers — in the words of Uber, for example, it's a "flexible opportunity" that "comes with many benefits including control over when and where they want to work."

Others argue that the sector is taking advantage of cheap labour strategies — and workers who have few options in a precarious

Economist Sheila Block studied the gig economy in Toronto. TORSTAR

job market. Over 60 per cent of the workers surveyed by the CCPA said they engaged in the gig economy because they like it — but rather than a stopgap or supplemental form of income, almost half said they had spent more than a year in such jobs. Some 58 per cent said they relied on the sector for at least half their personal income.

The study showed those employed in the sector were more likely to be racialized and lower income than the people who use their services — and revealed enthusiasm for greater regulation of the sector from workers and consumers alike.

A full 78 per cent of respondents to the CCPA survey said they wanted more health and safety protections and 65 per cent said they supported better worker protections.

Her research, conducted with CCPA Ontario director Trish Hennessy, identified 100 different businesses offerings services through online platforms in the region. Fixes, Block added, could include measures like expanding the definition of an employee to include those in new forms of work.

Such options are currently being considered as part of the provincial government's so-called Changing Workplaces Review, which aims to update Ontario's outdated employment laws to better reflect a changing economy.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

PUBLIC WORKS

Queen's Quay East will get re-worked

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

One of the waterfront's most neglected intersections is about to get a facelift.

Queens Quay and Parliament will be the first part of the ongoing eastern waterfront revitalization process. Aptly named the Quayside, the project aims to transform a 4.9-hectare site into an accessible and sustainable urban community.

Waterfront Toronto is currently looking for private technology investors to help get the project off the ground.

They will later call upon developers and contractors to make their pitches for condos, rental units and office spaces.

The idea is to create a community hub that provides inclusive and affordable housing while staying environmentally friendly, said Waterfront Toronto chief development officer Meg Davis.

"We're always trying to demonstrate the ability to build these complete communities," she said, noting the focus is on improving walkability and green spaces in

Queen's Quay and Parliament. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

public places. The ideal community would combine academic, residential, cultural and commercial amenities all in one place.

"That's a model that can allow people who live and work in the downtown core to basically stay in the downtown core."

As a pilot project for the broader redevelopment of East Bayfront, the Quayside project will serve as an example for how urban areas can apply innovative solutions for energy conservation, carbon reduction, housing and job growth.

While the project doesn't have a fixed timeframe yet, Davis is confident buildings could start construction within two years.

#METROARTSCHALLENGE

Capybirthday to you

Readers send warm wishes to Bonnie and Clyde's new babies

Genna Buck
Metro | Toronto

Those fluffy fugitives have found their way into our hearts. We asked you to welcome Bonnie and Clyde's new brood of three with a personalized card. We received a deluge of goodwill, including dozens of entries from elementary schools across the city. As usual, you astonished us with your art, and we will publish all your masterpieces on **metronews.ca** in the coming days.

This week's top honour goes out to a group. **Ms. Morris's Grade 2 class** got together to create a mountain of cabybara love. Kudos, kids!

CHALLENGE WINNER

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

1. Zachary Nicholson, age 8
2. Felix from Mrs. Bell's Grade 2 class
3. @woopzoidberg
4. Charlotte from Mr. Grundy's kindergarden class
5. Narae Yoo

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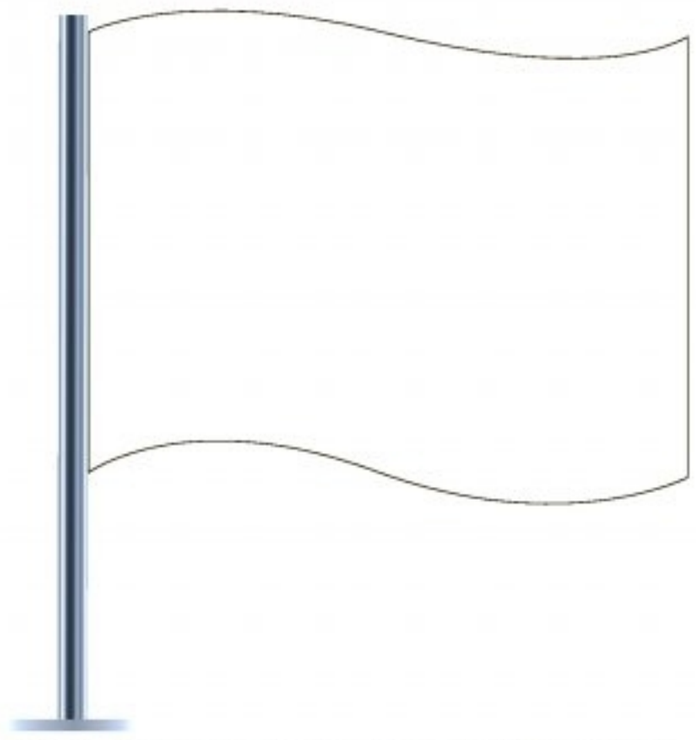

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Give those snoops the slip

How to protect your cellphone data on Parliament Hill

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

Parliament Hill and other downtown areas have been the target of cellphone tracking technology. CONTRIBUTED

News Parliament Hill and other downtown areas have been the target of cellphone tracking technology should encourage people to use encrypted apps to keep their private information private, experts say.

The CBC reported this week the discovery of three IMSI catcher devices operating in the downtown area. The machines could potentially be used to intercept phone calls and texts.

The devices mimic cellphone towers and essentially fool mobile phones into connecting to them. Nathan Freitas, is the director of the Guardian Project, an initiative that offers open-source tools to protect privacy. He's also a fellow at the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University. He said the catchers are fairly easy to acquire and can be used to listen to calls, read texts and implant malware on mobile phones.

"For $2,000 anyone can get a laptop-sized device that is a cell tower that will operate as an actual cell tower," he said.

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said this week that the RCMP and CSIS confirmed to him that they were not using the devices. He said the agencies are now investigating.

Freitas suggested that those who want to keep what's on their cellphones away from prying eyes and ears should consider using encrypted messaging apps like Signal and the most recent version of WhatsApp, which he himself uses even for routine communications with his wife.

"Everything we say, whether it's shopping for milk or organizing date night, is encrypted," he said. "It's not about spycraft and secrecy, it's about making sure the conversation you and I are having is between you and I."

He said that, just as information on the internet became more secure over time, the security of mobile communications must tighten up.

"There was a time on the internet when we only encrypted credit cards, and now we encrypt everything," he said. "We need to do that for mobile phones as well."

The government has not issued any specific warnings or instructions to Hill staff, but Scott Bardsley, Goodale's press secretary, said confidential or secret information is not shared over phones.

"It's been publicly known before this incident that cellphones are not secure."

IN BRIEF

Senator Beyak booted from committee

Sen. Lynn Beyak says her removal from the Senate's committee for indigenous people is "a threat to freedom of speech," and claims she is supported by a "silent majority."

The Conservative party leadership booted Beyak from the Senate Committee of Aboriginal Peoples, stating that her speech last month about an "abundance of good" in the country's residential school system doesn't jibe with the Tory position. In a statement, Beyak bemoaned how it is "difficult" to have a "balanced, truthful discussion" about all issues in Canada. TORSTAR

Damage to irreplaceable ice cores a 'nightmare'

Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

When glaciologist Martin Sharp walked into one of the freezers custom-built for the world's largest collection of Canadian ice cores, it felt like a steam room.

"I think every ice core facility on the planet has the same nightmare — that something like this will happen," he said.

Due to what university officials are calling a "freezer failure," the temperature inside the facility rocketed into the 40s on Sunday, up from the -30C or so required to keep the ancient ice cores frozen, Sharp said.

Now 12.8 per cent of the cores — some of which can't be replaced — have been damaged, less than three months after the University of Alberta took possession of the national collection.

"For this to happen so soon after we moved the ice in, it's a total shock," said Sharp, who is a professor in the department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences.

Ice cores are some of the best records scientists have of ancient climates, and Sharp said the "major hit" was to some of the oldest cores. The damage includes 15 metres of a sample drilled from Mount Logan, which represented 16,000 years of time. Another core taken from the Penny Ice cap included ice that would have been part of a large ice sheet covering North America 22,000 years ago. Still, he said it could have been much worse.

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In this photo provided by the U.S. Navy, the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Ross departs Rota, Spain, on March 29, 2017. The U.S. fired a barrage of cruise missiles into Syria Thursday night in retaliation for this week's gruesome chemical weapons attack against civilians, the first direct American assault on the Syrian government and Donald Trump's most dramatic military order since becoming president. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. blasts Syria base with missiles

MILITARY

Sixty Tomahawk missiles launched from Mediterranean

The United States has attacked a Syrian air base with roughly 60 cruise missiles in response to a chemical weapons attack it blames on President Bashar Assad.

U.S. officials said the Tomahawk missiles were fired from two warships in the Mediterranean Sea, targeting a government-controlled air base in Syria.

U.S. officials say Syrian government aircraft killed dozens of civilians by using chlorine mixed with a nerve agent, possibly sarin, earlier this week.

The bombing represents President Donald Trump's most dramatic military order since taking office. The U.S. president said the strike was made in the 'vital national security interest' of the United States.

President Bashar Assad's government came under mounting international pressure Thursday after a chemical attack in northern Syria, with even key ally Russia saying its support is not unconditional.

Turkey, meanwhile, said samples from victims of Tuesday's attack, which killed more than 80 people in the town of Khan Sheikhoun, indicate they were exposed to sarin, a highly toxic nerve agent.

Syria maintains it didn't use chemical weapons, blaming opposition fighters for stockpiling the chemicals. Russia's Defence Ministry said the toxic agents were released when a Syrian airstrike hit a rebel chemical weapons arsenal and munitions factory on the eastern outskirts of Khan Sheikhoun.

> I think what happened in Syria is one of the truly egregious crimes and shouldn't have happened and it shouldn't be allowed to happen.
> U.S. President Donald Trump

The surprise strike marked a reversal for Trump, who warned as a candidate against the U.S. getting pulled into the Syrian civil war, now in its seventh year. But the president appeared moved by the photos of children killed in the chemical attack, calling it a "disgrace to humanity" that crossed "a lot of lines."

About 60 U.S. Tomahawk missiles, fired from warships in the Mediterranean Sea, targeted an air base in retaliation for a chemical weapons attack that American officials believe Syrian government aircraft launched with a nerve agent, possibly sarin.

The president did not announce the attacks in advance, though he and other national security officials ratcheted up their warnings to the Syrian government throughout the day Thursday.

"I think what happened in Syria is one of the truly egregious crimes and shouldn't have happened and it shouldn't be allowed to happen," Trump said.

U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said Assad should no longer have a role in governing the Syrian people.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

+ CANADA

Speaking earlier Thursday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau offered little hint about Canada's role in any effort to remove the Syrian president. Yet he expressed horror over this week's attack, which killed more than 80 people.

"This is a war crime and the international community must stand firmly against such things," Trudeau said Thursday. "We condemn in the strongest of terms (these) heinous against civilians, children, by chemical weapons." THE CANADIAN PRESS

That Pepsi ad doesn't work well in real life

Andrew Fifield
Metro | Toronto

Kendall Jenner's rightly and mercilessly mocked Pepsi ad was taken for a real-life spin this week, and it did not go well at all.

A man who identified himself as Carlos Enriquez appeared before city council in Portland, Mass. Wednesday to comment on the protests over treatment of the homeless and the fatal police shooting of 17-year-old Quanice Derrick Hayes.

"I'm a former journalist for the Boston Herald," the man said, a claim the Boston Herald has denied. "I'm very surprised at how there's so many people who show up to city council and get angry at you and yell at you," he continued. Mayor Ted Wheeler cut him off insisting that his comments must be about a towing ordinance currently before council. But the man stood up and approached the mayor while reaching inside his jacket.

"What I realized is that the language of resistance has not been properly translated to you, so this is for you," he said before pulling out a can of Pepsi to offer the council members, who appeared visibly shaken.

"Whoa, whoa, not a good move. Not a smart move," Wheeler said as he accepted the can.

A man who identified himself as Carlos Henriquez speaks to city council in Portland, Mass.
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Trump's many tentacles

When he was elected president, we all knew his adult children were part of the deal.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
From the U.S.

When Donald Trump moved to the White House, everyone understood the entire adult Trump clan was moving in, too.

The Trumps are conjoined like an octopus, with a patriarchal head and a slew of second-generation tentacles, the entire beast of which is pathologically hungry for money.

It was quaint of Trump, before he took office, to offer up a theatrical presentation of piles of papers and folders to convince Americans and the world that Trump's entire business would be legally excised from him during his presidency.

It was quaint, too, of Ivanka Trump to claim that, after modelling her entire life after her father's predilections and the enlargement of the Trump brand, she'd keep out of his business just as that business became taking on the most powerful position in the world.

We knew both were lying, the way we know the sun will come up tomorrow. But now there's proof.

ProPublica revealed this week that Trump's trust documents have been amended to allow him to withdraw money from his businesses any time he likes, with no need to tell anyone.

Trump's lawyer responded that Trump has never not been allowed to withdraw money, even though that stipulation was left out of a version of the trust widely scrutinized in late January.

The full details of the trust are contained in a document that won't be released, ProPublica reported.

Oversight of Trump's finances, and therefore his conflicts of interest, remains paltry, given that he still hasn't released his tax returns.

His bet that enough people wouldn't care whether he's seeking to enrich himself as president seems to continue to pay off, if only partly because the administration is engulfed in so many simultaneous controversies that this most basic one — who is he really working for? — has been obscured.

Ivanka, meanwhile, has decided to become an unpaid employee in the West Wing, an "assistant to the president," with an office and an amorphous goal to influence her father's agenda on "women's empowerment" (as she told CBS).

She's going to exert her special powers on an administration hell-bent on destroying the planet, defunding Planned Parenthood, gutting health care, and, simultaneously, making the Trumps richer.

"If being complicit is wanting to be a force for good and to make a positive impact, then I'm complicit," she said, before admitting: "I don't know what it means to be complicit."

Quite. But complicit might as well be the name of our Trumpian octopus.

Or, perhaps, nepotism. As Eric Trump pointed out helpfully this week, nepotism is a "factor of life." For evidence, see son-in-law Jared Kushner, "senior advisor to the president," whose foreign diplomacy efforts have sent him to Iraq and saddled him with a Middle East peace deal.

Meanwhile, Trump's sons are busy expanding the hotel business domestically and abroad, for which U.S. taxpayers are forking over millions of dollars in secret service detail costs. When you get the one, you get them all.

Donald Trump Jr., Ivanka Trump and Eric Trump, are seen in support of their father Donald Trump during the presidential campaign. GETTY IMAGES

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Warts, scars, and wrinkles, oh my! A study in the Journal of the American Medical Association has identified common facial features of movie villains

DECODED by Genna Buck and Andrés Plana

ENERGY, FOR EVERYONE, FOREVER

Humans love heat. Humans love light. And clearly, the sun isn't enough for us. So what if we could just make another one — a miniature version of the star that powers all the life on Earth? It sounds crazy. But it's not science fiction. It's called the **International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER)**, and it just might hold the cure for our energy woes.

THE PROJECT

ITER is under construction in the south of France. Once completed, optimistically around 2035, it will have two purposes: scientific research and acting as a test-run for the electricity plant of the future — fusion reactors.

Estimated price tag: **$20 billion US**; the most expensive scientific instrument ever made. 35 countries are pitching in to the project, which has been plagued by budget problems and delays since its inception in the 1980s.

THE CHEMISTRY

The sun is powered by nuclear fusion: two hydrogen atoms fusing into one helium atom. ITER would replicate the same reaction.

First a powerful electric current heats hydrogen gas, transforming it into plasma.

Cranked up to an out-of-this-world temperature of **150,000,000 C,** the plasma churns around fast enough that it's possible for two hydrogen ions, which would normally repel each other like mismatched magnets, to crash into one another and stick.

This produces one atom of **helium** and one neutral particle called a **neutron**, as well as a whole lot of energy in the form of heat.

The goal for the future would be an unplugged, self-sustaining version of the reactor. The only input needed would be the hydrogen fuel, in two different forms: deuterium (plentiful in seawater) and tritium (scarce but can be made from lithium, an abundant metal).

THE MACHINE

The ITER fusion reactor is called a **tokamak**. The actual reaction will take place within plasma that is suspended in the air in a donut shape by enormous, negatively-charged magnets. These would keep the negatively-charged helium ions inside, but allow the super-hot neutrons to escape through the machine's walls into water-filled cooling towers. In future fusion plants, this heated water will be used to power turbines and alternators, generating electricity the same way a coal plant does. Except fusion produces **four million times more energy than coal.**

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LEAF BOT
A Harvard-designed "bionic leaf" can both do photosynthesis — absorbing sunlight and carbon dioxide to make fuel — and work with soil bacteria to make its own fertilizer. The result? Significantly larger radishes.

T. REX UNMASKED
A study of an exceptionally good fossil has revealed what the Daspletosaurus horneri, a close relative of the Tyrannosaurus rex, likely looked like up close. Her face was covered in crocodile-like scales, she had a small, fingernail-like horn above each eye, and she lacked lips.

SOUND SMART

DEFINITION
A **torus** is the geometric term for "doughnut shape."

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
Every time Deborah jumps into the pool, we have to fish her out with a **torus**-shaped life ring. She always forgets she doesn't know how to swim.

CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

ENOUGH with the vaccination conversation

Why are measles and mumps back in Ontario? - Dean, Toronto

Much as I like to blame anti-vaxxers, sometimes these things just happen. Mumps was never eliminated in Canada, just drastically reduced. Measles was eradicated here in 1998, so all outbreaks since have started with a case from elsewhere. The Toronto case came from India.

And when measles arrives, no matter how well-vaccinated we are, a few people might get infected locally. The average measles patient exposes 12 to 18 other people, and there's always a chance one of them will be among the few who can't be vaccinated, or for whom the vaccine didn't work.

But that doesn't explain 137 measles cases in Canada in early 2015. Or 776 in Quebec in 2011. That's outrageous. It happened because we're under-vaccinated.

Again: Not entirely anti-vaxxers' fault. There's a vulnerable group of Canadian adults who never got a needed MMR booster because they were vaccinated when only one dose was recommended. Some people's shots are out of date or incomplete because of frequent moves or poor record-keeping or laziness.

If we prioritize it as a community, we can reach people who aren't fully vaccinated. But I don't know what to do about people who *won't* get vaccinated.

It's not 1998 anymore. How many more public health campaigns do you need? Exactly zero anti-vax talking points hold up to scientific scrutiny. Even worse, research shows explaining to anti-vaxxers why they're wrong tends to make them dig in their heels and listen to reason even less.

Underlying much anti-vaccine rhetoric is the idea that some vaccine-preventable diseases aren't serious (they are), or that getting them somehow builds character. That's not just incorrect, it's evil. Seriously, tell it to the 17 Romanian kids who've died of measles in the past year. Oh wait, you can't. They're dead.

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Smurfette faces existential crisis

IN FOCUS

This may be the most adult plotline in Smurf history

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Voiced by Demi Lovato, Smurfette ponders her place in the world in Smurfs: The Lost Village. The new movie is the first time other female Smurfs are introduced.
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The all-animated Smurfs: The Lost Village aims to reintroduce the little blue creatures of Smurf Village to a new generation. It's the first time more than one female Smurf exists in the community.

Featuring the voices of Demi Lovato, Joe Manganiello and Michelle Rodriguez, it trades on its inherent cute factor and nostalgia for much of its appeal. There are some good messages for kids woven in and the animation is relentlessly adorable but is there anything here for anyone over the age of five?

In what may be the most adult plotline in Smurf history, it's a hero's journey, a character's search for purpose. It's Joseph Conrad via Smurf Village. Smurfette's Heart of Darkness.

As voiced by Lovato, Smurfette ponders her place in the world. All the other perky pint-sized blue creatures have descriptive names — Clumsy Smurf (Jack McBrayer), Jokey Smurf (Gabriel Iglasias) and Baker Smurf (Gordon Ramsey) — but what exactly, she wonders, is 'ette' supposed to mean?

Smurf aficionados will know she is the only female Smurf, created by wizard Gargamel to sow the seeds of jealousy in Smurf Village. With the help of Papa Smurf she became a beacon of sweetness-and-light and the love interest of Smurfs everywhere.

That's quite a backstory and her quest for purpose is certainly noble, even if her beginnings weren't. The character was first introduced in Franco-Belgian comics magazine Spirou in 1966 as a marketing tool. According to writer Hal Erickson the comely Smurfette was created as a means to "bow to merchandising dictates" and "appeal to little girl toy consumers."

It worked and in the decades that followed Smurfette became the most sought after toy from Smurf Village.

The Smurfs are big business, in addition to this weekend's big screen animated feature, the "three apples tall" characters have been translated into 30 languages (en français: Les Schtroumpfs, in Dutch: De Smurfen) to create an estimated worth of $4 billion, but not all Smurf related marketing has been successful.

Remember Smurf-Berry Crunch? At the height of 1980s Smurf mania Post Cereal released a sugary breakfast cereal they claimed tasted, "like crunchy Smurf Berries… In berry red and Smurfy blue." To ensure the Smurfiest experience possible Post added little blue corn puff berries laden with food colouring to the mix.

Unfortunately the blue additives weren't easily digestible by the body, leading alarmed parents to report cases of blue and strange coloured poop after breakfast time. According to poopreport.com, "when metabolized in sufficient quantity, the blue dye combines with bile," to form a rainbow effect at potty time. The problem was fixed with the release of Smurf Magic Berries, which contained smurfberries made of yellow corn puffs and marshmallows.

For Jack Black Smurf-Berry Crunch also brings back some bad memories. The Kung Fu Panda actor remembers his second professional gig, a breakfast food commercial. "Being in a Smurf-Berry Crunch cereal ad and being pulled along in a red wagon…?" he says, too humiliated to finish the sentence. "My stock plummeted at school."

I was a bit too cynical to buy into the North American Smurf craze of the 1980s — they were so popular one writer called them "kiddie cocaine" — but now in 2017 I see them as something other than an hour-and-a-half advertisement for Smurfs Are Us.

The new incarnation is a sweet kids movie designed for little ones but with just enough grown-up material to keep parents interested.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

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7 reasons to give S-Town a listen

The twisty-turny podcast from the producers of Serial is hard to define

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S-Town is hosted by Brian Reed (with headphones), who has been working on the story for over three years. INSTAGRAM

S-Town, the new blockbuster podcast from the team behind Serial, begins with the spectre of murder. From the first twang of main subject John B. McLemore's Alabama accent — "Some'ns happ'ned!" — the listener might be inclined to dub S-Town a kind of Serial: Deep South.

The podcast, narrated by long-time This American Life producer Brian Reed, was inspired by an email sent by ancient-clock restorer John B. McLemore from Woodstock, Alabama. Woodstock is an unassuming small town outside of Birmingham in Bibb County, but McLemore prefers to call it "S–t Town," hence the podcast title.

Here are seven reasons to listen to the seven-part podcast.

1. John B. McLemore's brilliant rants
"I've about had enough of S–t Town and the things that goes on," he tells Reed in episode one. And he's just getting started. Much of S-Town is made up of phone calls where McLemore goes off on fascinating tangents about climate change, Darfur, acid reflux, Facebook and his S–t Town.

2. To gape at the crudeness of Trump's America
McLemore writes to Reed to decry murder, child molestation and police corruption in Woodstock and requesting the investigative rigour of the This American Life team. When Reed visits the backroom of a local tattoo parlour to investigate a murder, the town's prejudice is as enlightening as it is disturbing.

3. You'll learn more than you thought you wanted to about horology
That's the study of time and clock-making — McLemore's trade. The podcast opens with a description of a horologist's mazelike task of fixing a broken ancient clock. The intricate machines become a metaphor for life through McLemore's eyes.

4. You'd spend time on John B.'s property too
When Reed makes his way to S–t Town and gets to know McLemore, he learns the man is in his late forties and lives with his elderly mother on a 128-acre property, where he takes in stray dogs and prunes an elaborate hedge maze, when he's not fixing clocks or obsessively researching climate change. After finishing S-Town, you'll want to give the maze a go.

5. It's a murder mystery
McLemore heard that a kid ended up dead in a fight and someone's been going around Woodstock bragging about the murder. That's just the spark that sets off the greater story that's difficult to define and becomes much more than a southern whodunit.

6. It's a treasure hunt
When a character brags of being "unbanked," you'll wonder if you should start converting all your assets into gold and wrap it up in a towel in the freezer before cutting out the gold-diggers in your life.

7. S-Town is not what you think it is
It's not really a true-crime podcast, though it mimics much of Serial's twisty-turny structure. But it's still a riveting investigation, if not as deeply into murder as it first appears, then into the life of one Alabama man. At times it goes so deep that some have accused Reed and his team of invasiveness. If they go too far, it's because there's a lot to mine from a man as fascinating as McLemore, the self-proclaimed black sheep in the community that he so despises but won't leave. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Wrestling with the brave new women's world

Chokeslam is first into the ring as female side of the sport finds a new, modern moment in the spotlight

Amanda Crew as Sheena DeWilde in Chokeslam, which debuted at October's Calgary International Film Festival. CONTRIBUTED

Female pro-wrestling has come a long way since it was a gimmicky '90s novelty that featured women in bikinis whacking each other in pillow-fight matches.

With a recent metamorphosis in philosophy and intent, the sport has been improving the image of female wrestling with less-sexualized stunts and higher profiles. Now, it's even getting a modern makeover in pop culture.

In February, Dwayne Johnson announced he's producing a biopic about WWE superstar Paige while Orange Is New Black creator Jenji Kohan debuts a hotly-anticipated women wrestling Netflix series called Glow in June.

First however, the comedy Chokeslam is about to enter the ring, hitting theatres across Canada this weekend as it gets its wide release.

"Something so mainstream like a movie is huge because it's going to put eyes on an industry that a lot of people didn't know about," said B.C.-born pro-wrestler Chelsea Green, who plays a small role in the film. "It's awesome to see everybody start to turn and become women wrestling fans rather than see women as kind of side pieces."

In Chokeslam, helmed by Calgary director Robert Cuffley, female wrestling certainly isn't treated as a "side piece."

The story is about a waning wrestling star (played by Amanda Crew) reuniting with an unlikely high school sweetheart. The film doesn't just paint the pugilist in a positive light, it aims to dodge the gimmickry that has previously saddled the female fight game.

"They did a good job when they wrote the character of not doing that," admitted Crew. Not a lifelong wrestling fan herself, the 30-year-old star of HBO's Silicon Valley researched the role and uncovered that life beyond the mat deserves a respect equal to any vocation.

"The wrestling industry is not a cushy experience," said Crew, who also had WWE icon Mick Foley (another pro playing a smaller role), to lean on for real-life insight into the sport. "It reminds me a lot of acting careers — just keep your eye on the prize. It's a lot of grind with not a lot of payback but you do it because you love it."

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> Amanda Crew

Crew also discovered training for the sport was a "transformative experience." Contrary to many stereotypes, wrestling is slowly becoming recognized as an empowering role for women — even in spite of the skimpy costumes.

"By the time I was in that ring in that outfit, I was surprised at how I wasn't insecure at all," admitted Crew, who spent many hours training for the movie which was shot in Lumsden and Regina, Sask. in late 2015.

"I was proud of myself, proud of my body, of what I could do and I felt the most empowered I've ever felt."

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Northern Ireland's idilyc courses are a golfer's dream

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With the Irish Open set for summer and the Open Championship coming in 2019, Northern Ireland is one of the hottest destinations in golf. Left: Royal Portrush is home to one of the most challenging links courses in the world. Right: Portstewart Golf Club was founded in 1894 and redesigned in the 1920's. CONTRIBUTED

"Don't look up until you hear the ball dancing in the cup," my caddy whispered. "Make this and it'll be a fine thing to remember all your days."

My putt for an eagle three at the par-five ninth hole at Royal Portrush Golf Club was the most thrilling moment of a week-long tour of Northern Ireland's famous links courses, including Royal County Down, Portstewart and Ardglass.

Setting up nervously over my ball, I could almost feel the crash of the Atlantic against the towering sand cliffs that define this ruggedly beautiful and windblown stretch of coastline. Now largely free of the Troubles that once frightened tourists away, Northern Ireland is drawing record numbers of golfers to its more than 90 courses.

Anticipation is already building for the 2019 Open Championship at Royal Portrush, which will be the first Open hosted by the British province since Englishman Max Faulkner lifted the Claret Jug at this same course in 1951. As many as 200,000 visitors are expected at the biggest sporting event to ever be staged here in terms of prestige and global media exposure.

And this summer Rory McIlroy will return to his native soil to defend his title at the European Tour's Dubai Duty Free Irish Open. Played at Portstewart Golf Club July 6-9, the tournament will showcase a magnificent — though sometimes underrated — north coast links that twists through massive sand dunes and alongside a tranquil estuary of the River Bann.

Outside Belfast, Northern Ireland is almost all green and rolling countryside, with farms and villages linked by a spidery network of roads. Establish a base and you can reach almost any golf course within a couple of hours.

Absolutely not to be missed is Royal County Down, the iconic Old Tom Morris design set on a long sweep of Dundrum Bay, an hour's drive down the Irish Sea coastline from Belfast. Vast swathes of gorse and heather line fairways that tumble through sand hills, while tussock-faced bunkers defend approach shots to subtly contoured greens.

Conveniently nearby is Ardglass Golf Club — a course I love more with each visit. Skirting the Irish Sea, Ardglass begins and ends in the middle of a fishing village once occupied by Vikings. Looming over this idyllic setting is the world's oldest clubhouse, an imposing if slightly threadbare castle-like structure built in the 14th century.

Despite the stiff competition, it's 2019 Open host Royal Portrush that has naturally grabbed most of the attention. Two new holes are being built to accommodate huge tournament grandstands on a links that spills down a hillside to seaside cliffs in the north coast town of Portrush.

Royal Portrush's most famous hole is the 14th, Calamity Corner, a par three demanding a heroic carry to a cliff-top green.

But the defining moment of my trip came at the ninth, where not even three jittery putts that turned an eagle into a routine par could spoil a day of golf on one of the world's outstanding links.

For more golf stories, visit Brian's website at canadiangolftraveller.com

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Kevin Durant is scheduled to play in Saturday's home game against New Orleans if he experiences no setbacks to his left knee in practice

Leafs rookies protected for greater good of team

NHL

Freshmen Buds shielded from added responsibilities

Auston Matthews is finishing up the most impressive rookie season in the 100-year history of the Toronto Maple Leafs, but you won't find his picture around the Air Canada Centre — not on the scoreboard, on billboards or even in the promotion of team merchandise.

You won't even catch Matthews giving a 30-second in-game interview.

The Leafs have strict measures in place to shield rookies like Matthews from the spotlight. The club also wants to prop up forgotten veterans and ensure that no one — not even the highest scoring first-year player the team has ever seen — is bigger than the logo.

"I think people have to earn what they get, not because it's a good media exposure or we're always trying to look for something there," Leafs general manager Lou Lamoriello told The Canadian Press in a recent interview. "Somebody asked a while ago, what is the face of the franchise? The logo is the face of the franchise."

Matthews was selling more jerseys league-wide than anyone but Sidney Crosby in the first three months of his NHL career, but when the club had new sweaters to promote for the Jan. 1 Centennial Classic they chose to feature Tyler Bozak, Matt Hunwick, Leo Komarov and fourth-year defenceman Morgan Rielly.

Matthews stole the show that day under the lights at BMO Field anyway, scoring twice, including the overtime winner.

Walk around the ACC, and you won't see faces from a historic rookie class that's shattered franchise records for goals, points and assists, but you might see Bozak, Nazem Kadri or James van Riemsdyk. During breaks in the action at Leaf home games, the club might air pre-taped bits of players reading mean tweets or guessing which artist sang which song, but those bits won't include a single rookie either.

When Matthews broke Wendel Clark's 31-year-old record for goals last week against Florida, TSN couldn't interview him in the first intermission nor could they get William Nylander or Zach Hyman, the linemates who assisted on historic goal No. 35.

Rookies aren't permitted to do in-game interviews.

The club just doesn't want Matthews, Nylander, Mitch Marner or any other inexperienced player distracted by what they should or shouldn't say in an interview.

"Just be a hockey player," said Lamoriello, who declined to say whether the practice would extend to next season with the current crop.

Beyond just protecting the young guys, the Leafs are also wary of their more established players getting overlooked.

"People are always looking for a story or looking for a highlight and you overshadow the core and you overshadow the foundation," Lamoriello said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Maple Leafs rookie Mitch Marner battles for the puck against the Lightning's Jonathan Drouin on Thursday at Air Canada Centre. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

> **It's frustrating when you have to deal with major injuries ... unfortunately, I've had to deal with a few too many.**
>
> Lightning captain Steven Stamkos who is running out time to return from a meniscus tear in his right knee this season

HOCKEY

Canada ousts Finland, eyes gold

World titles scarce lately for the Canadian women's hockey team, they have another chance to end the drought.

A 4-0 win over Finland on Thursday sent Canada to Friday's gold-medal game of the women's world championship.

Canada will face the defending champion U.S. which topped Germany 11-0 in the other semifinal in Plymouth, Mich.

The Canadians have now reached the final in all 18 women's championships dating back to the first in Ottawa in 1990. They've won gold 10 times.

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But the Americans have beaten Canada in the final of seven of the last eight, including last year's 1-0 overtime victory in Kamloops, B.C.

Poulin scored a goal and an assisted on another in the span of two and a half minutes as Canada led 3-0 after two periods Thursday.

Sarah Potomak, Emily Clark and Rebecca Johnston all scored their second goals of the tournament, while Shannon Szabados earned her second shutout with 23 saves. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MASTERS

Hoffman enjoying four-stroke lead

Dustin Johnson withdrawing from the Masters was shocking enough. Then Charley Hoffman delivered a surprise of his own.

In a raging wind that left most players celebrating anything around par, Hoffman ran off seven birdies over his last 11 holes Thursday for a 7-under 65 that gave him a four-shot lead over Masters newcomer William McGirt.

So tough was Augusta National in gusts that approached 40 m.p.h. that Hoffman and McGirt were the only players who broke 70.

Dustin Johnson GETTY IMAGES

Johnson, meanwhile, was forced to withdraw before his 2:03 p.m. tee time. The world's No. 1-ranked player suffered a lower back injury less than 24 hours earlier in a freak fall down a set of stairs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Gushue rink locks up first seed for playoffs at worlds

Canada's Brad Gushue locked up the first seed at the Ford World Men's Curling Championship on Thursday with a 9-2 victory over Italy's Joel Retornaz.

Gushue (10-0) put the game out of reach with five points in the fourth. The teams shook hands after the minimum six ends.

The St. John's skip looked to cap a perfect run through the round robin against Norway in the evening draw. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Beckie goal spurs Canada to victory over Sweden

Facing its biggest challenge since last summer's Olympics, Canada dispatched Rio runner-up Sweden 1-0 in a women's soccer friendly Thursday.

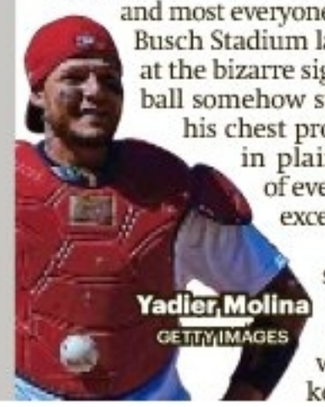
Janine Beckie's 34th-minute strike proved to be the difference on a cold, windy day before a crowd of just over 2,000 in Trelleborg, Sweden.

Canada wraps up it's European tour Sunday against world No. 1 Germany. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

Cards lose grip on lead after sticky flub

Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina and most everyone else at Busch Stadium laughed at the bizarre sight — a ball somehow stuck to his chest protector, in plain view of everybody except him.



Yadier Molina GETTY IMAGES

The strange situation was the key play that sent the Chicago Cubs past St. Louis 6-4 Thursday.

With the Cards leading 4-2 in the seventh inning, pinch hitter Matt Szczur led off by striking out on a pitch from Brett Cecil that skipped in the dirt. The ball bounced into Molina's protector and smack, it stayed there. As Molina frantically looked for the ball, Szczur reached first base safely.

After a walk, Kyle Schwarber hit a go-ahead, three-run homer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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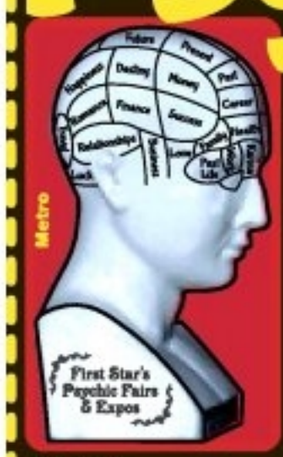

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Raps' pit bull hits ground running

NBA

All-star Lowry welcomes big workload in injury return

Kyle Lowry didn't do a lot of official media sessions in the five weeks he was off dealing with his surgically repaired right wrist, but the couple of times he did talk there were two points he was emphatic about.

He wasn't going to play until he was convinced his wrist was fine and, when he came back to play, he was going to play for real.

Check. And check.

Not only did Lowry display all the talents he showed in the first 56 games of the regular season in Toronto's 105-102 win over the Detroit Pistons on Wednesday, he logged nearly 42 minutes as the Raptors needed to rally from a 20-point first half deficit to win.

Only three times in his first 56 games this season had the Raptors' workhorse eclipsed Wednesday's 41:49. If that doesn't prove that Lowry kept his conditioning up while missing a quarter of the regular season, nothing will.

Kyle Lowry and the Raptors host the Heat Friday night.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I wouldn't have played if I had any fear," Lowry told reporters after the game. "That's one thing about me ... if I'm going to come back, I'm going to come back and play basketball. No limitations, no restrictions, I'm going to go hoop.

"The game of basketball is fun for me. It's what I love to do and I just wanted to go out there and help my guys and help my team get a win."

> **"I wouldn't have played if I had any fear.**
> Kyle Lowry who played 41:49 in his return from a wrist injury on Wednesday night in Detroit.

Raptors coach Dwane Casey was a bit sheepish over how much he had to rely on Lowry but there was a game to be won. And that trumps all with Toronto still in a dogfight with Washington for third place in the Eastern Conference with three games left in the regular season.

Lowry showed the full range of his skills against the Pistons, scoring a game-high 27 points and running an efficient Raptors offence that came up with a season-high 29 assists.

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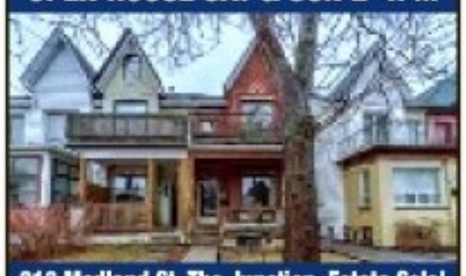

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For Metro Canada

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Cook Time: 45 minutes

Ingredients
- 5 Tbsp cold-pressed coconut oil, melted
- 4 honey crisp apples, thinly sliced
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1/4 cup spelt flour
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground ginger
- 1/2 cup spelt flour
- 1/2 cup quick cook oats
- 1 Tbsp flax meal
- 1/2 tsp salt
- pinch of nutmeg

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350.

2. Melt coconut oil in a 10-inch oven-safe skillet, a minute or two. Remove skillet from oven and swirl oil around to coat the pan, then pour off the oil into a glass container; set aside to cool a bit.

3. Place apples in the warm skillet and stir in lemon juice, flour, sugar, cinnamon and ginger.

4. For topping, combine flour, oats, flax meal, salt and nutmeg in a bowl. Pour in warm coconut oil and, using your hands, work it through the oat mixture until it has small clumps. Take handfuls of the oat mixture and sprinkle across the apples in an even layer, lightly pat it down. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until apples are bubbling and fork tender.

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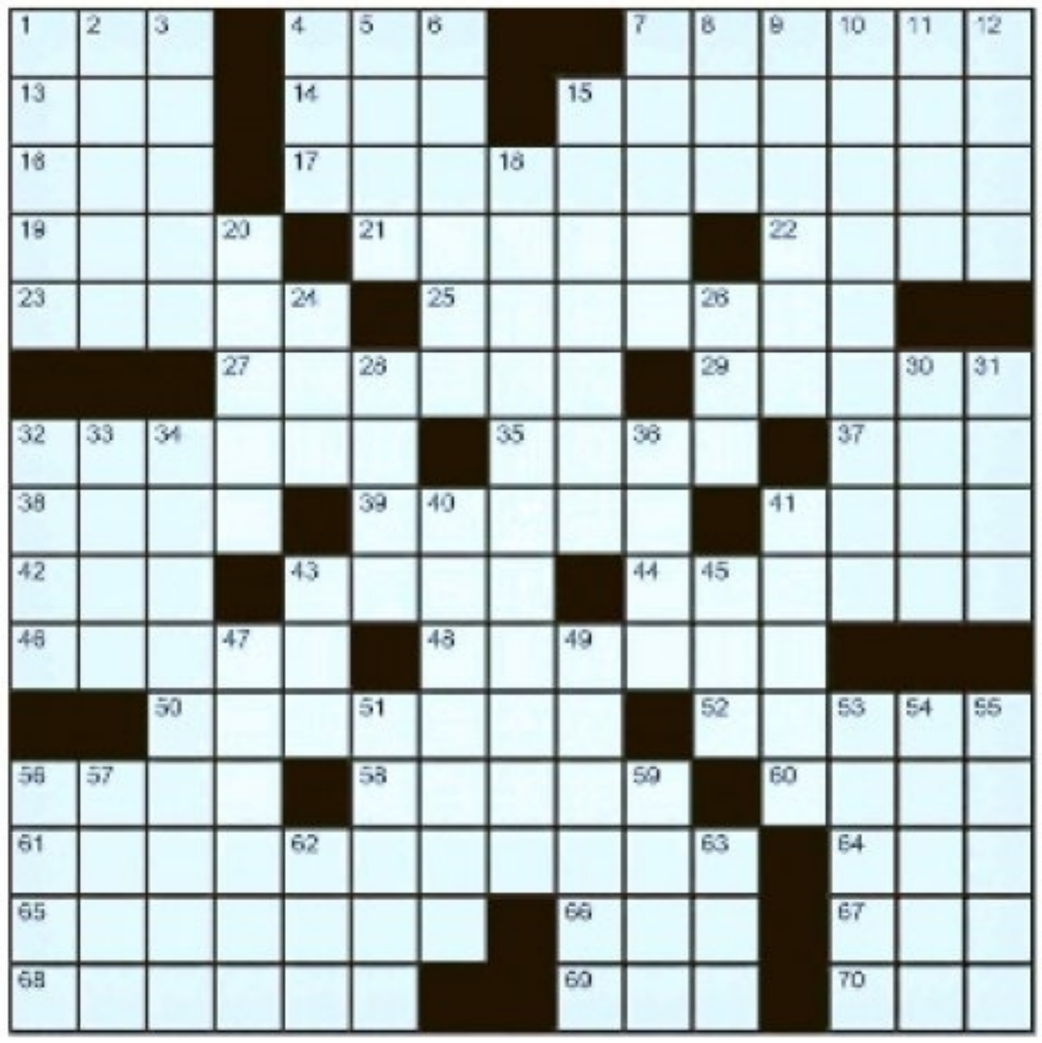

ACROSS
1. Learned letters
4. Finish
7. Some soft drinks
13. Arctic explorer John
14. Iron: French
15. Do documentary dialogue
16. Philosophy
17. Nova Scotia town on Chedabucto Bay
19. Earring kind
21. Qatar monetary unit
22. Hershey's treat
23. Virtue
25. '90s-style music storage piece: 2 wds.
27. Christian beliefs document of 325 AD, The __ Creed
29. The Troggs: "Love __ __ Around"
32. ARC = Agence du __ du Canada
35. Chows down
37. Suit accessory
38. Wife, in Latin
39. Frank Sinatra: "__ __ to the Moon"
41. Tapestry thread
42. Napoleonic Wars marshal
43. Speck
44. Dances to Chubby Checker's famous tune
46. Prefix to 'comedy' (Theatrical genre)
48. Apple quaffs
50. Island in the Strait of Georgia where #61-Across is located
52. Bakery supply
56. Nobleman
58. Flower, in Fortierville
60. Back
61. As per #50-Across... British Columbia community which has a ferry terminal: 2 wds.
64. Fellow
65. U2's "Where the __ Have No Name"
66. Caustic substance
67. Entries
68. Flavours
69. 'Velvet' suffix
70. Wknd. day

DOWN
1. 'Group of the Year' Juno-winner in 1981
2. Hurriedness
3. Object
4. Alphabetic trio
5. Nerves-related prefix
6. Fog machine need: 2 wds.
7. Renaissance painter, __ Veronese (b.1528 - d.1588)
8. Drift
9. Non-poetic writings
10. Ottawa-born rap star/producer, and classically-trained violinist
11. Luba hit: "Let __ __"
12. Very, in Vienna
15. Toronto Raptors, e.g.: 2 wds.
18. Nova Scotia community historically known for coal production and steel making: 2 wds.
20. All-day breakfast establishment
24. Can
26. Belonging to Milwaukee's li'l state
28. Fridge capacity, e.g., 28 __. __.
30. Raise
31. Permits
32. Pipsqueak pup
33. One making the opposite of a check mark, say
34. Canadian History: They transported goods between trading posts via birchbark canoes
36. Head: French
40. Venues
41. Smarter
43. Be under the weather
45. Sardonic
47. Artist's lofty space
49. x 2
51. "I wonder __ __ cold outside?" (Should I wear a jacket?)
53. Greek mythology shield
54. Steamy spot
55. Rendezvous
56. Note-passer's sound
57. Katharine's "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" (1969) character
59. Showbiz performer Martha
62. Rocker Mr. Snider
63. Languish

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You feel boisterous and "large" today. You want to do everything in a big way! And yes, you feel confident and happy as well. Whoopee!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Today you feel quietly confident and content with yourself. Success at your job is starting to show, and you know that despite recent obstacles, you can pull this off.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You feel popular today — and indeed, you are. People are attracted to your positive attitude and exuberance. Naturally, it's because enthusiasm is contagious!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is an excellent day to talk to bosses, parents and VIPs, because everyone is in a positive and winning frame of mind. That makes them see you in a good light. Go for it!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You are entertaining big travel ideas today, because you feel the need to get away from all this. You want to go somewhere where life is big and you're thrilled to be there. Do it.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You are confident when negotiaing wills, inheritances or anything regarding shared property. You won't sell yourself short, and you also will be fair with others

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Relationships with partners and close friends are uplifting and fun-filled today. This is a great day to enjoy schmoozing with others, because you're in a good mood. It's just that simple.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You can accomplish a lot at work today simply because you know you can. Confidence in doing something is the bottom line to making it happen.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a wonderful, playful and creative day! Social excursions, sporting events and fun activities with children will be successful. A romantic date will be memorable.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Relationships with family members are positive today, because people are in a good mood. People feel warm and friendly toward each other. This is an excellent day for family discussions.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your positive attitude will guarantee success in everything you do today. It's a strong day for writers, actors, teachers and anyone in sales and marketing. Yahoo!

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Business and commerce are favored today. "There's money in them thar Hills!"

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